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A Native Boy "Ropes" an Old Chinaman on King Street.

There was quite a fracas on King street, beyond Thomas Square, yesterday. A drunken native boy, about seventeen years old, was riding a horse, and had a riata in his hands. He spied a wagon filled with Chinamen, and the nucleus of a great joke entered his brain. He proceeded to carry it out by throwing the riata around the neck of one of the most aged occupants of the wagon. This was the first act of his little comedy. The second was to drag the poor celestial out of the wagon, and the third would probably have killed him. These did not come off, however. The Chinaman shouted "haul in" lustily, and climbed down from his seat. A gentleman sitting on a porch near by heard the noise, and ran to the scene just in time to shortly after the event occurred. stop the native from dragging the old man. The native seemed very much put out at the action, but the Chinaman was very grateful.

The native was taken in charge by the gentleman who had interfered, and was compelled to wait until a policeman could be summoned. This was done, by telephone, but for some reason it was an hour and a half before the officer appeared. When at last be did come, the man was given in charge, and now reposes in the police station.

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The Demolition of the City of Santander, Spain.

A THOUSAND POUNDS OF DYNAMITE.

A Graphic Description of the Wreck of the Steamer Cabo Machichacho, Written by William R. Gulick Shortly After the Explosion-An Awful Day.

The following graphic and realistic description of the explosion on board a burning steamer, of one thousand pounds of dynamite, was written by William H. Gulick,

On the 3d of November the fine steamship Cabo Machichaco (Cape of east of Bilbao), of 2500 tons burden, having passed the eight days of quarantine in Santander, imposed on all Bilbao, steamed across the bay and moored to one of the principal wharves of the city of Santander, and at half-past two o'clock commenced

to discharge her freight.
On the opening of the fore hold it was discovered that she was on fire. The alarm was given and in a few mo-ments the Civil Governor, the Captain of the Port, the Mayor, the colonel of one of the garrison regiments, with several of the civil guards, one of the owners, the ship's consignee and a multitude of other persons were on the ship, or near it, helping to extinguish the fire, or to discharge the freight, or were watching the fire from

a distance. Among those who hastened to help were the captain of the Alfonso XIII, one of the fine new mail steamships of the Trans-Atlantic Company, ply-ing between Spain and the West In-dian colonies. He came alongside in one of the company's tugs with a crew of thirty-seven men. As he drew up to the side of the burning ship, he called to the captain: "By all you hold dearest in this life, tell

me truly, is there anything explosive in your ship's cargo?" to which the reply was given: "No; the twenty boxes of dynamite for this port have been discharged and the rest of the freight is harmless." On this assurance, with his men, and under the direction of the captain of the port, he commenced to open a hole in the side of the ship for the purpose of sinking her, as the valves for that purpose had become disarranged and would not But a few minutes only had elapsed before a terrific explosion took place. The ship sprang fifty feet into the air and sank again into the water like a wounded monster. A column of water a hundred feet high rose with trees, of nuts and bolts and nails, and of steel plates and bar iron of all kinds, in masses of hundreds of tons, mingled with a dense and fetid smoke from petroleum oil, and sulphuric and muriatic acid, and dynamite, that formed a part of the ship's cargo, swept through the masses of men,

women and children who were watching the burning ship.
The shock and the roar of the bursting volcano was felt throughout the city of 40,000 inhabitants and from fifty to sixty miles away. A million panes of glass were broken to frag ments, and the interiors of a thousand houses were torn and shattered by the

eoneussion of air.
On the dock and in the neighborhood of the ship the dead and the dying lay in scores and hundreds-more than six hundred dead and over a a thousand wounded. The great floorbeams of iron, from eight to ten yards in length, and rails, and bars, and steel axles, and nuts, and screws, and spikes, swept through the crowd like the bolts from an anarchist's bomb charged with ten thousand pounds of dynamite—the most fearful bomb that had ever been charged and fired in the

history of the world! Crushed and mangled and writhing bodies lay amongst heaps of dead. After the crash that sounded like tha splitting open of the crust of the world, there was a moment of apparent silence, and then there rose the groans and shricks of the wounded and the frightened and the crazed. For a moment, all who could ran from the vortex that had opened at their feet, and from the raking fire of bars and bolts—there who were able to think fearing another explosion. Gradually the smoke, that gave out an odor that was almost unbearable said to be the poisonous fumes of dynamits-cleared away, the fren-zied people recovered their senses somewhat, and the work of rescue

began. The s'eam tug of the Trans-Atlantic Company, with the captain of the mail ship Alfonso XIII, and all the men who were with him, had disappeared—blown into indistinguishable fragments; and so also a number of coasting craft ti at lay in the stream not far away. The captain of the illfated ship was gone, and so also the civil governor, the captain of the port, the lieutenant-colonel of the infantry regiment and several of his officers

EXPLOSION, pany to which the ill-fated ship belonged, and one of the richest men in the north of Spain, was missing. The next day his headless body was found on the roof of a house, three hundred

yards away. Four days later the body of the governor was found in the sea far down the coast in the direction of Bilbao, where it had been borne by the ocean currents. Evidently he had been thrown into the water, as scores of others were, by this concus-

Heads and limbs were severed from bodies; bodies were transfixed by steel carriage axles as by lances, and bodies were lying everywhere on the dock and in the neighboring streets, in every form of awful disfigurement, some being flattened to the ground as the body of a mouse over which a log has rolled.

The most terrible feature of all was

the dismemberment of bodies, Half the body of a man was hurled through the windows of a neighboring hotel into the dining room. For three or four days bodies and members were found on the roofs of houses, some of them almost a mile away from the scene of the explosion. One man was killed by the detached foot of another being driven through his body. A young man rose from the ground and commenced to run, and not until he found that he could not make headway did he perceive that he had lost steamship Cabo Machichaco (Cape of one of his feet. A woman, who was a Machichaco, the prominent cape just mile away from the spot, was killed by a piece of iron, and a man, who was still farther away, also met death. Several ladies were wounded wrile in their own houses far away from the eraft from the cholera infected port of immediate scene of the disaster, and some of these have since died.

For the first ten years of our life in Spain, Santander was the residence of Mrs. Gulick and myself, and we had there many friends and acquaintances outside the immediate circle of our congregation and schools. Of these, Don Manuel Suarez Inclan was one of the most intimate and cordial. He and his brilliant wife were members of two of the oldest and best familles of the Province. The death of Senor Suar-z Inclan and his daughter, a beautiful and accomplished girl, six-teen years of age, is one of the saddest of the many sad cases. They were watching the burning steamship from what seemed a safe distance when they were struck, apparently by one of the death dealing iron beams that tore the multitude to pieces. The body of the father was taken to the hospital, where it was identified some sixteen hours later by the clothing and watch. The head had been severed from the body, only an ear being left. The disfigured body of the daughter was found and was taken by kind hands to the house of those to whom they supposed she belonged. But soon they found that it was not theirs. So they bore it to another family some distance away; but no, that was not her home; and so they wrapped the precious body in a sheet and carried it in their arms to the dis tant hospital, where it was finally

The station of the local provincial the burning ship. A train with pas-sengers arrived at the moment of the explosion. A car was wrecked and instantly set on fire and some six of

the passengers were killed. The labor of extracting the dead and mangled corpses from the sunken her and fell like a water spout on dock and street, and a horrible shower of iron beams and steel bars and axle-

gaze in that horrible wreckage. The concussion of air burst in the balconies and windows of houses far and wide over the city, and then tore down partitions, upset furniture and shattered glass and crockery and every fragile thing. The fine houses, some sixty in number, five stories high and of recent construction, of the streets Mendez Nunez and Calderon facing the dock, were instantly wrecked by the rush of air and the next moment were in a blaze-from the burning missiles from the steamship.

When the news of the disaster reached me I was on a missionary tour moving down the valley of the boro toward the Mediterranean. I immediately turned back and hastened to Santander Only last August we had dedicated a beautiful new chapel there that I knew must be in the zone of the greatest danger. Just back of the wharves, and rising abing upon the docks and on the spot where the burning steamship was moored, only about a hundred yards from the foot of the hill. The other slope of the hill is densely built up with the city houses. Starting from the cathedral and following the crest of the hill is a street, the houses on the western side of which look down upon the docks and over the bay to the beautiful hills beyond. The chapel is on this street. All these houses, beginning with the carbedral and including our chapel, with the pastor's residence, were swept by the devastating currents of air set in mo-tion by the explosion.

The ground floor of our house is the chapel, the second floor is the residence of the pastor and the third floor that of the school teacher. The en-tire breadth of the rear of the second floor, looking out upon the bay, was an enclosed gallery, or mirador. Every glass in it was broken, every one of the six upright joists of the frame, four inches square, was snap-ped like pipestems, and the whole wood work was reduced to splinters. The air rushed through the halls and pas-sage-ways bursting open doors and Dr. Libbig's Invigorator the greatest remedy for Saminal Weakness, Loss of Manhood and Private Disease, overcomes Prematureness and prepares all for marriage life's duties, pleasures and resconsibilities; \$1 tris bottle given or sent free to any one describing symptoms; call or address \$00 Geary \$1., private entrance \$25 Mason \$1., San Fiansisco.*

In the Marques de Casa Pombo, the head of a great banking house, one of the largest stockholders in the com-

most of what remained of the parti-

At this moment the pastor's wife was in one of the inner rooms by the side of the bed on which lay slightly alling their youngest child two years old, while another of four years was amusing herself near by. Mrs. de Tienda heard the crash, felt the rush of air and saw the partition bending forward toward her. It was the instinctive act of the mother to snatch the child from the bed and to seize the other from the floor, holding them both tightly to her breast as she bent to receive the falling partition upon the head and shoulders and back, some of the bricks and mortar being carried by the force of the air through the house out into the gar-den. Her husband ran from another part of the house to find them buried well nigh out of sight under the debris. Presently, however, they emerged, the children unhurt, but the mother with a wound just above the temple two inches long and her face covered with blood—a blow from a brick which, had it struck her head half an inch lower down, would probably have added another to the six hundred dead. As it was, when I left them a week after the catastrophe, her right eye was en-circled by a deep ring almost as black as ink, and the rest of that side of the

face was black and blue. The deacon of the church and the colporteur of the American Bible Society, was on the dock some forty yards from the side of the ship when she exploded. Stunned and bewil-dered he rose from the ground to which he had been thrown and found himself surrounded by ten or fifteen mangled and dying persons. Scarcely knowing where he was or what he was doing he ran like a mad man, he knew not where, until coming to his senses he returned to the spot he had left and worked the rest of the afterneon and all night in helping to re-move the dead and wounded to the hospital. The next day he was obliged to go to bed, and for a week he was under the doctor's care.

Three children from our school were lost. One was killed where he stood looking at the burning ship. His little companion was swept into the water by the force of the explosion and was drowned. Another has died from the effect of wounds received. The fathers effect of wounds received. The fathers of two others of the pupils, while engaged in helping extinguish the fire, were instantly killed by the explosion. A widow of a former deacon, who, with her husband, was of the group who united to form the church when it was first organized, has been driven from her house which has been condemned by the city architects as condemned by the city architects as unsafe for further occupancy. She, a tried and true Christian woman, becomes an object of charity. The parents of two girls who were in the San Sebastian boarding school for four years-the persons who first made our acquaintance in Santander twenty-one years ago, and who have always been good friends—were burned out in the street Mendez Nunez, and lost the savings of forty years. But how great the cause for rejoicing way was within a hundred yards of | that the congregation was not more

> closely touched by the catastrophe! A half or the interior of the chapel will need to be renewed, nearly a half of all the partitions of the house and more than balf of all the doors and window-sashes and the entire large

> gallery, which was the pastor's dining room and study.
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> A piece of the iron plating off the hull of the ship, weighing over a hundred and fifty pounds, falling on the root of our house broke two oak rafters and, passing through the roof, lodged upon a pile of shavings and kindling wood in the attic, and there we shall let it lie. Another and a larger piece struck on the other slope of the roof, crushed the tiles to the dust and rolled down into the street. Still another piece fell into the garden at the rear of the house, and there, too, it shall stay, half buried in the earth, a memorial of the sad day. The house had cost \$6400, and the damage to the building and personal losses will now come to nearly \$1000 more, and we know not where to look for funds, unless, indeed, to our ever generous American friends. The fortress-like walls of the cathe-

dral were not injured, but sad havoe was made with the beautiful cloisters. The court of these, open to the skies, was strewn by a number of thirtyfeet long iron beams, twisted and knotted into every fantastic a hill rises to the height of about a shape, while others restruct a hundred feet. The face of it toward roof and dangled like serpents from the docks and the bay is the eaves. The cloisters are so shatnearly perpendicular. The fine old building, half fortress and half cathe-dral, crowns the highest point, look-dealing bars fell into the narrow street almost at the door of our chapel.

The one of the two great anchors of the ship that was not in the water at the time was toru from its fastenings and describing an arc in the air, flew over the cathedral and several blocks of the houses, and grazed the projecting balcony of a four story house as it fell and buried itself in the center of a narrow sidewalk of the most frequented street of the city, splitting the paving stone in two, and burying its flukes two feet deep in the soil beneath, doing no other damage and hit-

The effects of the disaster on the inhabitants were appalling. The suddenness and the fearfulness, and the extent of the catastrophe shattered the nerves of the strongest, and broke the nerves of the strongest, and broke the courage of many of the stoutest hearts. A panic set in and thousands fled the city, while the flames were devouring the splendid houses of the new streets of Mendez Nunez and Calderon. Who could tell at what moment from the midst of those houses another valeano might hurst houses another volcano might burst forth? And, indeed, for several hours it seemed inevitable that the fire would spread to the cathedral street, on the heights, and from there to the rest of the city. At different times during that terrible night the cathe-dral and our house, and the interven-

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